

THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD

LICENSING PANEL MINUTES

May 16, 2012

9:01 a.m.

Licensing Panel of the Colorado Medical Board met Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in the offices of the Colorado Medical Board, 1560 Broadway, Conference 1250-C, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was noticed in accordance with Division Policy.

Present were: Dr. Groce, Dr. Matthews, Mr. Schoenmakers, and Dr. Watts.

Dr. Matthews conducted the meeting.

Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were: Marschall Smith, Program Director; Maria Soto, Program Assistant; Jan Seewald, Licensing Specialist; Dennis Rhodes, Office of Expedited Settlement; First Assistant Attorney General Eric Maxfield; Assistant Attorney General Allison Ailer; and Assistant Attorney General Philip Davis.

MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session I

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to enter into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m. The Panel entered into executive session for the following purposes:

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), to confer with counsel to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the applicability of CRS, section 12-36-116(1) to the following applicants :

Blayne Miller Harris, MD
Wade Grindle, MD
Eric Keahey, MD

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), to confer with counsel to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the applicability of C.R.S., sections 12-36-111.3(3) and 12-36-106 to the following individuals and entities based on complaints before the Panel:

Heart Check America

After discussion, the Panel exited the Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

Executive Session II

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to enter into Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. The Panel entered into executive session for the following purposes:

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), to confer with counsel to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the applicability of CRS, section 12-36-116(1) to the following applicants :

Charles Nieto, MD
Claire D. Ganal, MD
Harry Taub, MD

To discuss medical information and medical records which are confidential pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Title 25, article 1, part 12 and Colorado Revised Statutes section 13-90-107(1)(d) in relation to the following applicants:

Deborah Benitez-Rupp, MD

Pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), for the purpose of discussing matters required to be kept confidential by state statute, specifically a Confidential Agreement, which is applicable to an applicant's whose identity and medical information is confidential pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 12-36-118.5.

Treatment records of applicants(s) whose identity and treatment information is confidential pursuant to federal law (42 U.S.C. 290dd-2; 42 CFR Part 2).

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), to confer with counsel to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the applicability of the legal requirements set forth in CRS, 12-36-107.6; 12-36-107(2)(b-c); 12-36-102.5 (3); and policy 20-5 to the following individual:

Scott Linsenbigler, MD

After discussion, the Panel exited the Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

LICENSING MATTERS

Physicians – Administratively Approved

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the physicians applicants listed below for licensure:

Abbott, Robert Thomas
Aberle, Katherine Ilene
Abouljian, Arin
Adams, Crystal Lynn
Adler, Erik Howard
Barr, Jodie Ann
Benish, Bethany Jean
Berarducci, Laurence Alfred, JR
Bocker, Jennifer Marie
Boren, Mary Nannette
Borne, Ryan Thomas
Brown, Jeremy Ronald
Brown, Ryan F
Bub, Rebecca Marie
Christensen, Sarah Elizabeth
Cunningham, John Matthew
Davis, Jared Michael

Davis, William Gordon
Delano, Benjamin Arthur
Dunn, Matthew Larkin
Engle, Jamison Joel
Espinoza-Ervin, Christopher
Eustaquio, Marcia Elaine
Fernando, Shahan Dhinash
Figueroa, Michael Scott
Friedman, Jeffrey D
Ganal, Edmund Anthony
Gannon, James Mark
Germinaro, Matthew Richard
Grant-Nierman, Meggan Justine
Graybeal, Sandra Louise
Guntupalli, Saketh Ram
Harmych, Brian Matthew
Hedeman, Jessica Louise

Hesse, Brett Michael
Hickey, Gregory Alan
Hill, James Julius
Hogins, Joshua Wade
Holtzclaw, Stephen Gates
Honebrink, Theodore John
Ittoop, Sabita M
Jarecke, Jeremy Edward
Joy, Scott Victor
Jung, Joseph Saehoon
Kaplan, Bonnie Laura
Kerr, Carol Ann
Kilani, Ramsey Khair
Kriss, Michael Scott
Lampe, Emily Marie
Larkin, Brian James
Lawrance, Arthur New
Lee, Daniel Khun
Lefort, Roxanna
Lin, Christine Maylyn
Liptzin, Deborah Rachel
Liu, Kirsten Yu Gee
Maloney, John A.
Mathias, Marc Tyrell
May, Kerstin Stromsta
Mayer, Irene Marie
McGinley, Joseph Charles
Mehandru, Sonali
Melo, Juliana Roxo de Oliveira
Metz, Torri Derback
Muffly, Cristina Cabrera
Munch, Larry Croft

Nelson, Mark Andrew
Orth, Scott Steven
Payne, Sarah Silver
Payne, William Simon Clarke
Pierce, Amy Alison
Pierce, Read Galloway
Polomsky, Matej
Pomfret, Heidi Anne
Prinsen, Kaitlin Rice
Pugliese, Steven Casey
Rau, Thomas John
Raymond, Jennifer Kathleen
Rentz, Jack Brantley
Reynolds, Kirk Allen
Richins, Scott Whitear
Santos, Carah Bernice
Schlafly, Jeanie Marie
Shah, Rajvee Manoj
Shumacher, Ronald Joel
Stewart, Daniel Thomas
Stickrath, Elaine Halter
Stowe-Quain, Autumn Marie
Stramecki Doucette, Saryn
Sweatt, Andrew John
Takahashi, Jayme Marie
Terella, Adam Michael
Thuahnai, Stephen
Veeh, Jessica Marie
Ward, Michelle Christine
Yang, Amy Yi-Pei
Yogo, Norihiro

Physician Applicants – 1 Civil Malpractice Case - Administratively Approved

After review of the application, a motion was made, seconded and carried to endorse the administrative reinstatement of the license.

David Robert Cornish, M.D.
Gareen Hamalian, M.D.

IMG Applicants – Administratively Approved

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant the physician applicants listed below a Colorado medical license pursuant to Section 12-36-107.6., C.R.S.:

Kartiki Unmesh Churi, M.D.
Santhi Kumara Das, M.D.
Phillip Gerard Garza, M.D.
Mauricio Gomez, M.D.
Brandon Carlyle Green, M.D.
Vibhu Kapoor, M.D.
Terrin Liewluck, M.D.
Milap Pokharel, M.D.
Manuel R. Taha, M.D.
(Endorsement)
Angela Valladares Otero, M.D.
Mugabe Walker, M.D.
Bruce James Watkins, M.D.

Special Physician Applicants — Requiring Board Review

Deborah Marie Benitez-Rupp, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to table for additional information with specific instructions to staff.

Alireza Etemadi, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant Dr. Etemadi a Colorado medical license.

Kenneth B. Ford, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant Dr. Ford's request for an administrative license.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to the Office of Expedited Settlement for final resolution.

Blayne Miller Harris, M.D.

Dr. Harris appeared before the Panel and presented information, including written documents, in support of his application.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to table for CPHP evaluation.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize the Licensing Panel Chair to act on behalf of the Panel in all aspects of this matter, including decisions regarding Dr. Harris' licensing status.

A third motion was made, seconded, and carried to allow Dr. Harris to withdraw his application.

Special Physician Applicant - Reactivation - Requiring Board Review

M. Roy Wilson, M.D.

After review of the application file and information provided in support of the application, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to reactivate Dr. Wilson's Colorado medical license.

Special Applicant – Tabled - Requiring Board Review

Claire D. Ganal, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to table Dr. Ganal's application for additional information.

Attorney General's Office Cases and Communications – Requiring Board Review

Wade Lincoln Grindle, M.D.

Dr. Grindle and his attorney, Fred Yu, Esq., appeared and presented to the Panel. After the presentation and a review of the application file, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to grant Dr. Grindle a Colorado medical license.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried for the Panel to instruct staff to send Dr. Grindle a letter outlining some of the resources available to all Colorado Physicians.

Eric Keahey, M.D.

After review of the application file and additional information, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to grant Dr. Keahey a Colorado medical license.

Special Applicant – Tabled – Reinstatement - Requiring Board Review

Charles Michael Nieto, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to table Dr. Nieto's application to obtain additional information. Dr. Nieto's application will expire on August 18, 2012.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried to upholding the Panel's guidance and requirements previously provided to Dr. Nieto.

A third motion was made, seconded, and carried to extend Dr. Nieto's application until December 18, 2012 in order to complete the Panel's requirements.

Attorney General's Office Cases and Communications – Requiring Board Review

Sohail Punjwani, M.D.

For administrative reasons, Dr. Punjwani's application file was pulled from the agenda and was not considered at this meeting.

Harry Taub, M.D.

After review of the application file and additional information, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to grant Dr. Taub a Colorado medical license.

Distinguished Foreign Teaching Applicants – Renewal – Requiring Board Review

Bennie Gerhard Lindeque, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to approve the renewal of Dr. Lindeque's Distinguished Foreign Teaching physician license.

Stephen P.R. MacLeod, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to approve the renewal of Dr. MacLeod's Distinguished Foreign Teaching physician license.

Miguel Paciuc-Beja, M.D.

After review of the application file, a motion was made, and seconded, and carried to approve the renewal of Dr. Paciuc-Beja's Distinguished Foreign Teaching physician license.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried instructing staff to prepare a letter from the Panel to Dr. Paciuc-Beja for review and approval at the June 2012 meeting.

Add-On

Scott William Linsenbigler, M.D.

The Panel conducted an investigation in accordance with Board policy 20-05, reviewed the circumstances and training information regarding Dr. Linsenbigler's request to approve the school where he obtained his medical degree.

Based on the results of its investigation and Dr. Linsenbigler's demonstrated training, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve St. Matthew's University School of Medicine in the Grand Cayman, British West Indies for this applicant only.

A second motion was made, seconded and carried to grant Dr. Linsenbigler a Colorado medical license.

UNLICENSED PRACTICE MATTERS

Heart Check America

The Panel received a verbal update from AAG Ailer.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to amend its guidance to the Office of Attorney General for final resolution of the matter.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried instructing staff to refer licensed professionals involved in the matter to their respective Board for further investigation.

Max S. Chartrand & Glenys A. Chartrand

The Panel reviewed confidential information provided by the Office of Attorney General.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table the matter to obtain additional information.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried instructing staff to refer licensed professionals involved in the matter to their respective Board for further investigation.

Joseph Evans, DVM

The Panel reviewed a complaint with attachments.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the matter to the Office of Investigations.

Chad Kesner, D.C.

The Panel reviewed information from an anonymous source.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried providing instructions to staff.

A second motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the matter to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners for further investigation.

Jianwei Liu, ACU

The Panel reviewed confidential information provided by the Office of Attorney General.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table consideration to obtain additional information.

Daniel Terres, N.D.

The Panel reviewed a complaint with attachments.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the matter to the Office of Investigations.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Watts informed the Panel that Dr. Groce has been appointed as chair of Inquiry Panel B, effective June 1, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Licensing Panel on June 20, 2012.

Approved by: Kathleen Matthews, M.D. Date: June 20, 2012